

Trainings available January 2007

Collection Development/Weeding This session explores weeding as an element of collection development and maintenance, including questions and issues to be considered when creating an effective deselection policy. The workshop provides an overview of the CREW (Continuous Review Evaluation and Weeding) guidelines for small and medium-sized public libraries and introduction to other resources on the topic. Participants will practice hands-on weeding. 1.5 CE contact hours.

Gale Virtual Reference Library Participants in this workshop will learn how to use the online reference resources available from the Gale Virtual Reference Library on InfoTrac. The session provides an overview of the collection and explores how to search for content, navigate results, and save or share information. 1 CE contact hour.

InfoTrac PowerSearch This session will provide an overview of the InfoTrac databases and an introduction to features of the cross-searchable PowerSearch user interface. Participants will learn how to search, use search limiters, navigate, save and share results, and how to generate citations. 1.5 CE contact hours.

InfoTrac Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) Testing and Education Reference Center provides users with in-depth information on colleges and universities, graduate and professional programs, distance education programs, scholarships and test preparation, and more. In this session, participants will learn how to do college and scholarship searches, and how to assist patrons with test preparation and online practice tests. 1.5 CE contact hours.

Introduction to Natural Resources Information System (NRIS) This workshop provides an overview of the three divisions of Montana information available on NRIS: Water Information, Geographical Information and the Natural Heritage Program. Participants will learn how to use interactive mapping tools and how to find local information using NRIS resources. 1.5 CE contact hours.

Introduction to NetLibrary Montana Shared Catalog member libraries have access to more than 9,000 online titles from NetLibrary. In this workshop, participants will learn how to create an account, search and navigate the eBook collection, and use tools to save and share content. 1 CE contact hour.

Kid's InfoBits This InfoTrac database is designed especially for beginning researchers, aged kindergarten through grade 5. Using a graphical interface, it includes age-appropriate information on high-interest topics from recognized elementary reference sources. Participants in this session will learn how to search, navigate results, save and share information, and use the features in the teacher's toolbox. Discussion of how this resource can be used in the classroom or library. 1 CE contact hour.

What Do I Read Next? Thomson-Gale's reader's advisory database includes cross referenced entries for more than 115,000 recommended titles in fiction and popular nonfiction for adults and children. In this session, participants will learn to search by author, title, series, genre, award winners and more. The workshop concludes with a discussion of how to use reader's advisory tools in the library. 1.5 CE contact hours.